

# GUATEMALA

**Why we build:** Guatemala faces a housing deficit of 1.78 million, leaving millions of families to live in poverty or without access to decent housing. Habitat for Humanity Guatemala seeks to reduce this deficit through home construction or home improvements (such as: latrines, concrete floors, roofing, and improved stoves).

**Project Description:** Volunteers assist families in the construction of new hybrid homes, smokeless stoves, latrines or concrete floors. Volunteer tasks vary depending on the phase of construction but may include digging foundations, mixing concrete and mortar, pouring concrete floors, moving materials, tying rebar, and building walls.



## What to expect:

Volunteers arrive at La Aurora International Airport (GUA), where they are met by HFHG staff.  
See below for expectations based on location choice.



### Solola

Teams travel 3 to 3.5 hours to the site hotel for orientation on the project and cultural norms; on construction days, volunteers travel 20 to 25 minutes each weekday to the site. We will have the opportunity to attend a class to learn about our culture through weaving. On Saturday, the teams will take the bus to the airport, ending our week in Guatemala.

### Chimaltenango

Teams travel 2-3 hours to the construction site hotel to receive orientation on the project and cultural norms; on construction days volunteers travel 30-40 minutes each weekday to the construction site. Cultural opportunities during the week may include a soccer game, attending a traditional cooking class, or learning about our culture by making handicrafts. On Saturday, teams travel back to Antigua for a cultural day that may consist of a visit to the coffee plantations or a historical walking tour of Antigua. Teams depart on Sunday.

### Zacapa

Teams travel 2.5-3 hours to the hotel at the construction site to receive orientation on the project and cultural norms; on construction days volunteers travel 30-40 minutes each weekday to the construction site. Cultural opportunities during the week may include attending a traditional cooking class through which they will have an educational session about our culture. On Saturday, teams must take the bus to the airport ending our week in Guatemala.

### Quetzaltenango

Teams travel 4- 4.5 hours to the site hotel for orientation to the project and cultural norms; on construction days, volunteers travel 20-25 minutes each weekday to the site. We will have the cultural opportunity during the week which consists of attending a weaving class through which they will have an educational session about our cultural richness which can be taken in Quetzaltenango or choose to travel to Antigua, Guatemala, and have our cultural opportunity in this city. On Saturday, teams must take the bus to the airport ending our week in Guatemala.

### El Progreso

Teams travel 2-3 hours to the hotel at the construction site to receive orientation on the project and cultural norms; on construction days volunteers travel 30-40 minutes each weekday to the construction site. Cultural opportunities during the week may include attending a traditional cooking class through which they will have an educational session about our culture. On Saturday, teams must take the bus to the airport ending our week in Guatemala.